

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Harriet Tubman Marker Inventory Number: D-281
Address: South side of Greenbrier Road Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
City: Cambridge Zip Code: 21613 County: Dorchester
USGS Quadrangle(s): Blackwater River
Property Owner: Blackwater Farms, Inc., c/o Milton M. Malkus, Jr. Tax Account ID Number: 003874
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 40 Tax Map Number: 63
Project: Proposed Tower Site: Bucktown, Dorchester County, Maryland Agency: Maryland Dept. of Budget and Management
Agency Prepared By: A.D. Marble & Company
Preparer's Name: Stacey Streett and Stephanie Foell Date Prepared: 6/24/2005
Documentation is presented in: Proposed Tower Site: Bucktown, Dorchester County, Maryland
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes Listed: ☐ yes
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Description:

Please refer to MIHP Form D-281 for prior survey information. Please note that this marker was not evaluated for significance or eligibility for the National Register, but this form was included in an attempt to comprehensively document all resources with previously assigned MIHP numbers within the Bucktown vicinity.

The Harriet Tubman Marker (D-281) is located on the south side of Greenbrier Road and on the west side of the lane that reaches a circa 1935 residence, which is locally reputed as the birthplace of Harriet Tubman (D-746). The metal marker reads:

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MHT Comments: *Does not meet Criteria Consideration F.*

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/11/05
Date

Blair
Reviewer, National Register Program

7/11/05
Date

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The marker is located on the parcel that was once part of the vast Brodess Plantation. Mary and Joseph Brodess owned a plantation on a 400-acre parcel west of Transquaking River during the early nineteenth century. The parcel of land was formerly known as "Eccleston's Regulation Rectified." Hugh Eccleston came to Bucktown from England in the mid-late seventeenth century and acquired several tracts of land in Bucktown and the Cambridge vicinity (Jones 1966:308; Mowbray and Mowbray 2000:61, 71; also see the National Register Nomination form for Yarmouth (D-83), which describes land tracts held by the Eccleston family from the seventeenth-nineteenth centuries). Moreover, earlier maps (see Griffith's 1794 map) verify that the Ecclestons owned land extending from the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge to Greenbrier Road and west of the Transquaking River.

Joseph Brodess and his brothers inherited the parcel of land in 1800 from their father, who acquired it from the settlement of a debt in 1792 (Clinton 2004:6-7). An 1877 map of Dorchester County (see Lake et al.) does list a member of the Brodess family on the parcel of land. However, land records regarding the Brodess family in Bucktown were not available. In 1852, probate records from 1777-1852 that were stored in the Dorchester County Courthouse were destroyed by fire (Mowbray and Mowbray 2000:vii-viii). Therefore, the exact boundaries of the Brodess Plantation during the first half of the nineteenth century are not known.

Harriet Tubman was born and raised by her enslaved parents, Ben and Harriet Green Moss, on the Brodess Plantation. They worked for Edward Brodess during the first half of the nineteenth century. It should be noted that the current residence located on the historic parcel dates to circa 1935 and is therefore too recent to be considered the actual birthplace of Harriet Tubman. The results of a recent archeological investigation by the National Park Service remain inconclusive regarding the specific location of Harriet Tubman's birthplace on the Brodess Plantation (see National Park Service website and Dorchester County Department of Tourism brochures).

References:

Clinton, Catherine. Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom. Little, Brown and Company. Time Warner Book Group, New York, 2004.

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Griffith, Dennis. Map of the State of Maryland. "Lower Eastern Shore," 1794.

Harriet Tubman...American patriot and the icon for what is known as the Underground Railroad was born in Dorchester County, MD. Brochure. Dorchester County Department of Tourism, Cambridge, Maryland. Edited reprint from the MD Commission for Celebration 2000.

Jones, Elias. New Revised History of Dorchester County, Maryland. Rev. 1966, Tidewater Publishers, a division of Bay Country Publishing Corporation, Cambridge, Maryland, 1925.

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Maryland Historical Trust. Maryland Inventory of Historic Property Forms and National Register of Historic Places Forms for Bucktown and surrounding areas of southern Maryland.

Meredith, Jay, Bucktown property owner. Telephone correspondence regarding Bucktown Village Store, Meredith House, Lewis

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House, and Brodess Plantation, April 2005.

Mowbray, Calvin W., and Mary I. Mowbray. The Early Settlers of Dorchester County and their Lands. 2 vols. Reprinted 2000, Willow Bend Books, Westminster, Maryland, 1981, 1992 by Calvin W. Mowbray.

National Park Service website: <http://www.harrietubmanstudy.org/places.htm>, accessed March 2005.

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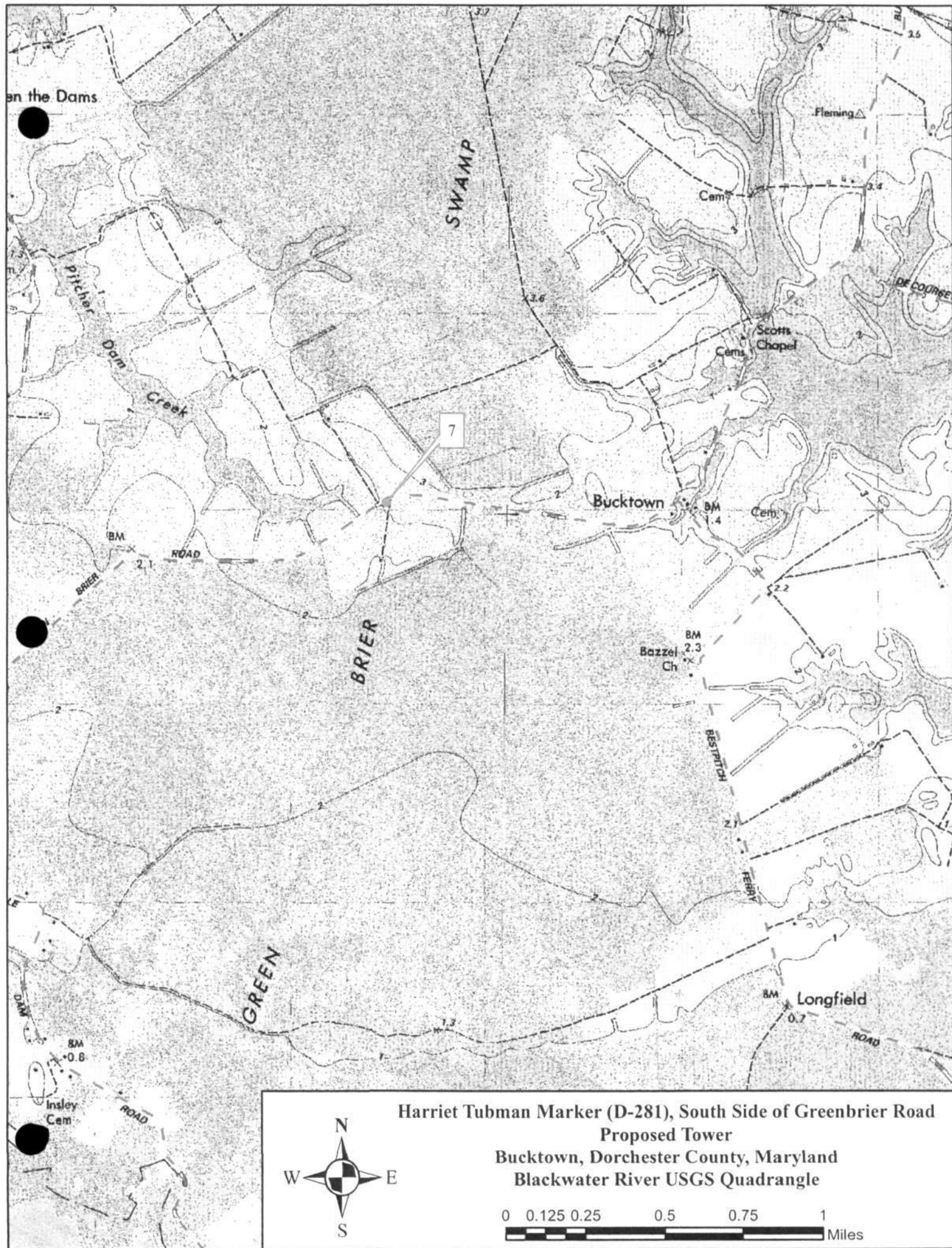
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D-281

Harriet Tubman Marker

Dorchester County, MD

S. Streett

4/2005

MD SHPD

S. side of Greenbrier Rd, on property of D-746

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

Harriett Tubman Marker

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Greenbrier Swamp Road

CITY OR TOWN:

Bucktown

STATE

Maryland

CODE

COUNTY:

Dorchester

CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
		Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

Blackwater Farms, Inc., c/o Milton M. Malkus, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER:

RFD 1, Box 125

CITY OR TOWN:

Cambridge

STATE:

Maryland

CODE

21613

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Dorchester County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

High Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Cambridge

STATE:

Maryland

CODE

21613

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Deed Ref: 122/140

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

Federal ☐State ☐County ☐Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Marker Reads:

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☒Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Architecture ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

HARRIETT TUBMAN

Aramenta Ross, who later became "the Moses of her people," was born on the Brodas plantation in Bucktown District, the daughter of Ben and Harriett Green Ross.

Much abused by a succession of masters to whom she has been leased, Harriett Tubman worked the fields and learned the secrets of the world of nature around her - information that would later be put to test doing the nineteen trips northward with groups of escaping slaves.

In Dorchester County, the lovely old spiritual "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" was one of the underground songs. Harriett was sometimes called "Sweet Chariot." "I looked over Jordan" indicated that word was being passed from hamlet to hamlet that Harriett was ready to move northward with a band of "holy angels," escaping slaves and her strong religious convictions to guide her.

Friend of William Lloyd Garrison famous writer of the "Liberation;" Susan B. Anthony, leader of the suffrage movement; and John Brown of the Harpers Ferry raid, Harriett held beliefs about slavery that helped mold much of the growing public criticism of the institution. As the Civil War progressed, Harriett Tubman served as a nurse and a spy for the Union Army.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Flowers, Thomas A., Dorchester Tercentenary Bay Country Festival, 1669-1969.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <u>Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant</u>		
ORGANIZATION <u>Maryland Historical Trust</u>	DATE <u>Nov, 1975</u>	
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Shaw House, 21 State Circle</u>		
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Annapolis</u>	STATE <u>Maryland</u>	CODE <u>21401</u>

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

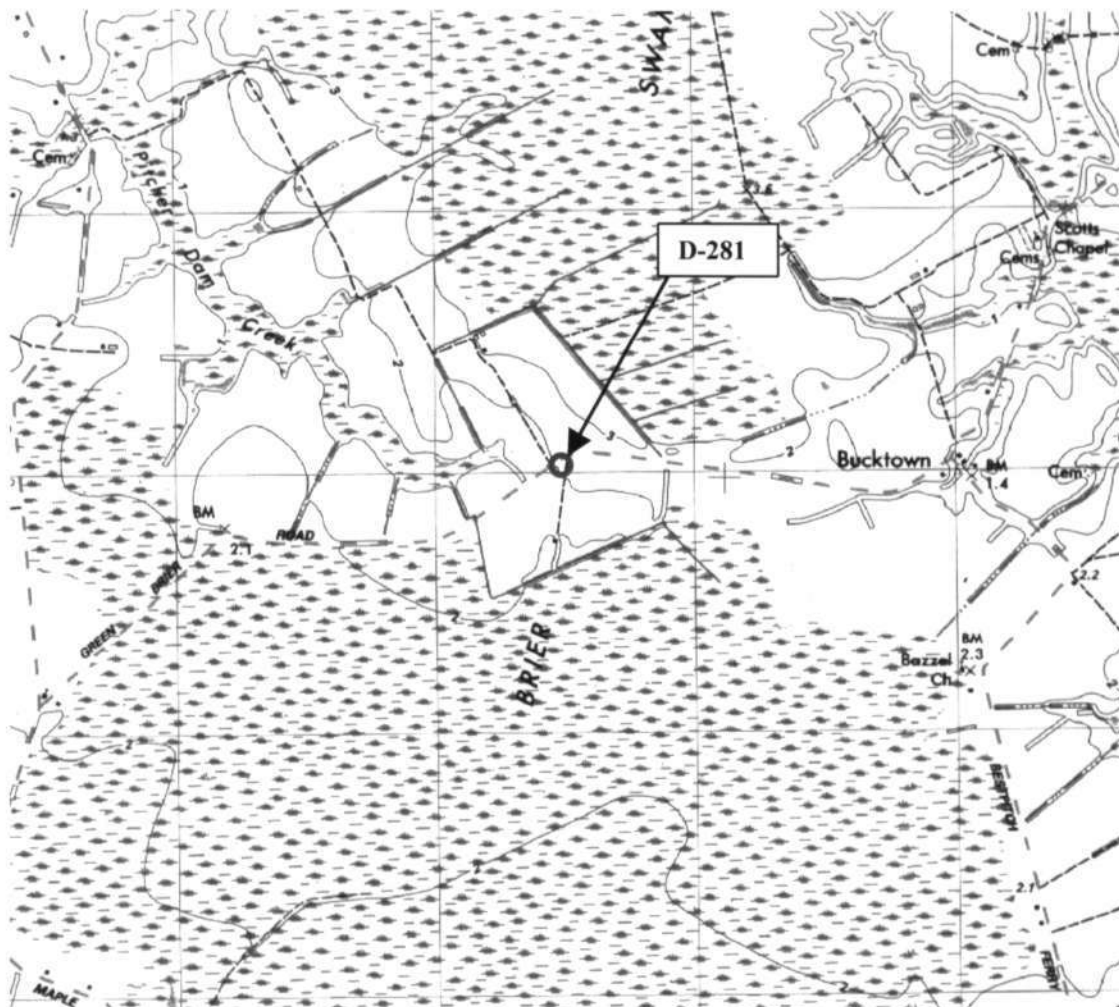
Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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Harriet Tubman Marker
Blackwater River Quadrangle



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